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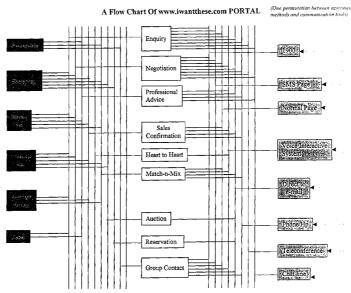
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1. Claims: 1-13

Method of communication and operating in a network including storing a list of prioritized communication media $\,$

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